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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application for groundwater discharge permit NEV2004525 from the following Applicant:

Tahoe Ridge Winery & Marketplace, L.L.C.
P. O. Box 2636
Minden, NV 89423

The Tahoe Ridge Winery & Marketplace is a proposed winery and gourmet food facility which will ultimately include a winery, brewery, and creamery, as well as a culinary school, tasting room, offices, and overnight guest accommodations. The facility will be located at the site of the historic Van Sickle Station Ranch in Genoa, Douglas County, Nevada. Domestic (sanitary) and food service wastewater will be treated biologically in a MicroFAST 4.5 brand wastewater treatment package plant, which will provide secondary treatment with denitrification. The facility will be built in a two-phase schedule, each with a capacity of 4500 gallons per day (0.0045 MGD), for a total build out capacity of 9000 gallons (0.009 MGD). During winter months when land application is prohibited, winery process water (administered under Permit NEV2004351) may be discharged to the treatment system at an average rate not to exceed 1000 gallons per day (0.001 MGD). Effluent from the treatment system will be discharged to an engineered leach field, which will be monitored by up gradient and down gradient monitor wells.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than **5:00 P.M. on November 4, 2005**, either in person or by mail to:

**Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851**

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. on the date listed above will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the fact sheet are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.